



## **U.S. EMBASSY KABUL COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM LOCAL GRANTS PROGRAM**

### **“Countering Violent Extremism” Local Grants Program**

The U.S State Department and the U.S. Embassy in Kabul are pleased to announce that the Embassy is currently accepting applications for its “Countering Violent Extremism” (CVE) Local Grants Program.

### **What is the “Countering Violent Extremism” Local Grants Program?**

The CVE Local Grants Program is a U.S. Government initiative created in 2008 and previously known as the “Ambassador’s Fund for Counterterrorism.” The CVE program provides flexible, quick-impact grants to organizations to support projects which enhance the capacity of law enforcement personnel to counter violent extremist ideology and recruitment.

### **What kind of grant proposals can be supported?**

CVE grant proposals should fulfill one or more of the following objectives:

1. Countering violent propaganda and the al-Qaida narrative
2. Creating and providing alternatives to persons at risk of recruitment
3. Improving the capacity of civil society and governments to execute objectives 1 and 2

Additionally, due to the funding source for the CVE local grants program, each project should contain a law enforcement nexus. Ideally, the substantial involvement of host country law enforcement personnel should be present in each phase of a proposed project. There remains the possibility to fund projects lacking a law enforcement nexus, but preference will go to projects with a clear nexus.

### **Who can apply for a grant?**

CVE grants are intended for civil society organizations, including nonprofit organizations (NPOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs), educational institutions, foreign government non-defense agencies and ministries, and commercial enterprises.

### **Key Facts for grant applications:**

- The project should support one or more of the objectives outlined above;
- Each application will be evaluated by a selection committee;

- Preference will be given to projects which focus on developing trust and communication between law enforcement and youth and/or civil society;
- Applicants can request up to \$100,000 to support programs lasting up to 24 months (typically, funded projects have been between \$25,000 and \$75,000 and lasted 1 year);
- There is no specific deadline for applications, but note that as funding is from FY 2011 money, funds must be obligated by 30 September 2012;
- The project must contain a clear plan with tangible and measurable outcome;
- The organization has demonstrated that they have the technical capacity, organizational capability, and leadership to carry out the project;
- The costs are reasonable, allowable, and allocable.

#### **How to apply for a CVE Local grant:**

Applicants may submit their proposals to the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan by emailing a completed application to [CVE\\_Local\\_Grants@state.gov](mailto:CVE_Local_Grants@state.gov). Applications in English and Dari are accepted, though English is strongly preferred. Further details and grant application form can be found at:

- [http://diplomacy.state.gov/index.php?title=CVE\\_Local\\_Grants\\_Program](http://diplomacy.state.gov/index.php?title=CVE_Local_Grants_Program)

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### **PROPOSAL FORM**

**Post:**

**Project Title:**

**Post POC name:**

**Post POC email and phone:**

**Implementing Organization:**

**Obligation Mechanism:**

**1. Summary – Please concisely provide the information requested below; it should be possible to do this in no more than one page:**

- 1.1.** Describe the CVE problem or challenge
- 1.2.** Identify the target audience
- 1.3.** Identify the corresponding CVE objective(s) (no more than two)
- 1.4.** Describe or outline the proposed project activity
- 1.5.** Explain how will the activity contribute to attaining the objective(s)
- 1.6.** Explain how host country law enforcement will be involved

**2. Measuring Impact and Effectiveness – Working from the objective or objectives in 1.3 (above), please provide some detail on how you will know you have achieved your desired objective. Aim for a half-page or less:**

- 2.1.** Explain one thing that you will measure for each of your desired objectives; this could be attitudes (before and after) or knowledge gained, for example.

**2.2.** How will you measure it? Examples include before-and-after surveys, polling within the community, polling community and the police, pre- and post-testing (for knowledge). Feel free to look at other factors, but whatever you select must be quantifiable. You do not need more than one means of measurement.

**3.** Working from 1.4(above), please expand the description of activities and include a work plan (describes what will be done in what sequence, over what period of time). A half-page should be sufficient for most activities, but more may be needed for complex, multi-phased or longer-duration projects.

#### **4. Budget**

**4.1.** Total proposal cost

**4.2.** Potential Partner contribution (specify if other State, other USG agency, host country, other government or foundation)

**5.** Attach detailed budget. It needs to break the total down into line items, such as travel, supplies, salaries, etc. Please do not make “miscellaneous” a category.

**6.** Are other USG entities doing similar kinds of programming in the host country? If so, how does the proposed activity fit into the ongoing activities, and what coordination mechanisms

are in place to avoid undesirable duplication (if the purpose of the proposed activity is reinforcement of something another USG entity is doing, that is fine, and please so state).

**7. Has an activity like this one been conducted by your Mission previously? If so, what were the results?**

**8. Provide a paragraph (no more than 10 sentences, and fewer would be fine) summarizing the project for a Project Notification.**

**9. Provide a paragraph (no more than 10 sentences) providing a general background of the implementation partner.**

**10. Additional Comments, Concerns or Questions:**

**I have reviewed this proposal, have met with the proposed implementer, and anticipate having sufficient time to provide basic oversight to project implementation during my tour of duty.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and signature of person proposing the activity**

**This proposal has received an appropriate review within the U.S. Mission. Its execution would advance U.S. national interests. It does not conflict with, nor needlessly duplicate, any other activity under Chief of Mission authority.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and signature of Deputy Chief of Mission or the Mission official responsible for assistance coordination**